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COMMENT OF THE DAY

## Test Yet To Come

IT is easy, almost inviting, to interpret the decision of the Communist bloc to vote against the General Assembly's resolution on disarmament as a repudiation of the previously expressed Soviet willingness to adopt a more conciliatory attitude to this controversial subject. Yet it is proper to recognise that Mr Vyshinsky kept the door open for a wider measure of agreement between the East and West when the Disarmament Commission next meets. The General Assembly's rejection of the Soviet amendment which sought to delete reaffirmation of its resolution adopted in January last year is understandable. As Mr Gross, the United States delegate emphasised, the 1952 resolution constituted the United Nations mandate and guidance to the Disarmament Commission, and was, therefore, a basic document. Mr Vyshinsky's reply was somewhat specious, but he did offer an unmistakable hint that when the Disarmament Commission met again the Communists would be looking for a compromise that could set the tempo for progress towards a general agreement on world disarmament. "If we dig the tunnel of friendship from both ends, we are likely to meet earlier half way," and in making this observation, the Soviet representative appeared to be pointing to the Russian offer to drop its previous demand for a general one-third reduction in armaments as a positive sign that the tunnel digging had started from the Communist end.

AS yet Russia has only suggested by inference that she is prepared to go to some lengths to reach an agreement with the rest of the Powers on disarmament and control of atomic energy, and the signs are that she will not further commit herself on the subject before the next conference of the Disarmament Commission. But obviously she is desirous of trying to create a favourable impression. The tone of Mr Vyshinsky's statements before the UN Political Committee yesterday was intended to be reassuring; moreover, Britain clearly believes that the crux of any satisfactory development lies in the attitude and behaviour of the Soviet Union in future meetings of the Disarmament Commission. Sir Gladwyn Jebb pointed out this when he observed that "We know the Soviet Union do not agree with all the principles and these differences of view are something we shall have to try and reconcile in the Disarmament Commission when it meets." It is still within Russia's power to call a stop to the cold war, more particularly as it affects relations between herself and the Western Powers in Europe. And the most tangible sign she can give of such a desire would be to support her recent verbal concessions relating to world disarmament with complementary action in the Disarmament Commission. It would be the greatest single act of good faith she could make, and its effect on the international situation would be immediate and of vast importance.

# RUSSIA URGES PEACE PACT

## Reaffirms Principle Of Compulsory Exchange Of POWs

United Nations, Apr. 9.

Soviet Russia today called for the conclusion of a peace pact among the five Great Powers and announced its adherence to the "principle of compulsory and unreserved exchange of all war prisoners in Korea."

Mr Andrei Vyshinsky, chief Soviet delegate, supporting before the United Nations Political Committee an omnibus Polish draft resolution on disarmament and Korean truce, said he would like to stress "with particular emphasis our support of a policy for the conclusion of a peace pact among the five Great Powers."

"We are convinced of our ultimate success in our championing of peace and co-operation. Millions of people throughout the world are interested in this."

## Poll Favours Federation In Southern Rhodesia

Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, Apr. 9.

First eleven results in Southern Rhodesia's momentous poll today went in favour of a Central African Federation — by more than two votes to one. The total vote in these eleven constituencies was 10,027 for Federation and 4,884 against. With the declaration of 13 of the 30 results the Federationists were leading by 17,134 votes to 9,007.

Polling went off quietly today in the referendum which may determine the future of nearly 7,000,000 people.

If Southern Rhodesia joins the neighbouring British territories of Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland are expected to accept the Federation scheme commended to them by Britain.

Opponents of Federation have played upon Europeans' fears that they will be swamped by Africans if the three territories federate. The 500,000 square miles concerned house 6,400,000 Africans, 200,000 Europeans, and 14,500 Asians.

The case for Federation is that it will make possible political and economic progress and that a strong unit in Central Africa will give the whole continent stability. — Reuters.

## ATTLEE MAKING GOOD RECOVERY

London, Apr. 9.

Mr Clement Attlee, 70, leader of the British Labour Party, has made a good recovery from a recent operation for appendicitis and will leave hospital tomorrow, it was announced today. — Reuters.

## SMUGGLERS USE A HEARSE

Turin, Apr. 9.

Turin police last night found hundreds of pairs of nylon stockings in a coffin being carried in a hearse.

They arrested three men dressed as undertakers. — Reuters.

## Greece Devalues Her Currency

Athens, Apr. 9.

Greece has devalued her currency, doubling the value of the pound sterling and the American dollar. It was announced by the Minister of Economic Co-ordination, M. Spiro Marchezini, here today.

The pound sterling hitherto valued at 42,000 drachmas will be worth 84,000 drachmas and the American dollar hitherto worth 18,000 drachmas will be 36,000 drachmas.

All other foreign currencies would also be doubled in value. Broadcasting from Athens Radio M. Marchezini said that the Government's decision would "stop the economic abnormality of Greece's financial life" and favour Greek exports.

In September 1940 Greece devalued the drachma from 32,000 to the pound and 10,000 to the American dollar to 42,000 to the pound and 18,000 to the dollar.

This followed the devaluation of the pound by Britain. This is the fifth devaluation of the drachma since Greece was liberated at the end of the war. — Reuters.

## Exchange Of POWs Latest

Tokyo, Apr. 10.

A pooled dispatch from correspondents at Panmunjom today said a Communist correspondent told them 120 Americans, 20 British and 18 of other nationalities were included in the non-Korean sick and wounded prisoners who would be handed over by the Communists under the exchange agreement.

The Communists requested a recess until 2 p.m., after the meeting this morning had lasted 20 minutes. — Reuters.

## STOP PRESS

Mr Vyshinsky's speech, resumed after a lunch adjournment, was the most exhaustive review of Soviet policy heard in the United Nations since the death of Marshal Stalin.

Mr Ernest Gross of the United States, in a short reply to Mr Vyshinsky's two-hour address, said that it "seemed to be stale and dull and aggressive. It seems like an old record which is being played for the fourth time in so many years."

Mr Gross said he believed it was a fair question to ask the Communists: What is peace? "It is more than an absence of hostilities," he continued. "It is a relationship among nations who have a decent respect for one another. That is why a people who want peace are resolved to be strong in its defence. We in the United States are willing to go half way. The question is: half way to what?"

"You cannot compromise with principles without destroying principles," he said. "It is therefore necessary to see in each issue whether there is a principle involved and what the principle is. We believe that peace can only be felt with the settlement."

Earlier Mr Vyshinsky said the objective of the Soviet Union was peaceful construction. — Reuters.

# 5-POWER

## Rome Demonstration



Italian war disabled men stage a demonstration outside the Senate House in Rome, demanding higher war pensions. — London Express.

# No Washington Decision Reached Yet On Future Of Korea Or Formosa

Washington, Apr. 9. The White House said today the Eisenhower Administration has reached no conclusion that a permanent division of Korea is either desirable or feasible.

Further, Press Secretary James C. Hagerty told reporters, the Administration has never decided that such a division would be "consistent with the decisions of the United Nations."

And he also said there has been no consideration of a United Nations trusteeship for Formosa.

The statement came at a time when mounting possibilities for a temporary truce in Korea had stirred widespread discussion of plans for negotiating a more final, long-term peace settlement for the war-wrecked land.

It was noted that the White House pronouncement did not rule out any future agreement on some sort of division of Korea. It merely stressed that no conclusions or decisions have been reached yet.

It is known that a North-South dividing line at the narrow waist of Korea, about 80 miles north of the present battle lines, is one idea which has been receiving official consideration here.

Hagerty said he was making his statement in response to requests for comment on a story in the New York Times today. The Times said "the Eisenhower Administration is willing to accept a settlement based on a boundary at the narrow waist of the peninsula."

STATED POLICY The stated UN policy has been to seek unification of all Korea under a single free, democratic government.

The Times also said the Administration "is casting about for a solution that would assure an independent Formosa," the island retreat of Nationalist China's Chiang Kai-shek.

"A possibility being considered," the Times said, "is a United Nations trusteeship for that strategic island with the creation of a Republic of Formosa as the ultimate goal."

Hagerty's statement said: "The reported Administration policy on Formosa and Korea is without foundation of fact."

"No consideration has been given by the Administration to a United Nations trusteeship for Formosa."

"Likewise, the Administration has never reached any conclusion that a permanent division of Korea is desirable or feasible, or consistent with the decisions of the United Nations."

Arthur Kroger, Washington correspondent of the Times, commented: "The New York Times was only one of several reputable newspapers and Press Associations that published the story that the White House and the Department of State have now denied."

WIRE CROSSING "Yesterday morning the Wall Street Journal's Washington report of the same Administration planning was stated even more fully than in the New York Times dispatch today. All the accounts came from the same high source, their publication was authorized and they generally agreed."

"It is another instance of the Administration getting its wires crossed and blaming the consequences on the Press."

On Capitol Hill, Chairman William F. Knowland (Republican-California) of the Senate Republican Policy Committee said it seemed unbelievable to him that any decision had been reached on a permanent division of Korea.

Knowland said he had received an assurance from Secretary of State John Foster Dulles that Dulles had given out no such statement. Knowland called for an investigation to find where the story had originated.

"It is extremely important that this kind of loophole be stopped now because this nation cannot have two Secretaries of State," Knowland commented. "It must speak with one voice through President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles." — Associated Press.

# Important Pact Announced By US And W. Germany

Washington, Apr. 9. United States and West German Government leaders today announced a far-reaching agreement in the diplomatic, trade, strategic and cultural field. A joint communique was issued at the conclusion of three days of talks between the Eisenhower administration and a German delegation headed by the German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer.

It said the United States Government promised:

1. To supply military equipment to the European Defence Community to assist in equipping the German contingents, once the treaty has been ratified.

2. To consider how best to improve economic conditions in Berlin through investment and other programmes.

3. To give careful consideration to the heavy burden on Western Germany of refugees and those expelled from Communist Germany and beyond.

4. "To re-examine the status" of war criminals now in United States custody and to "look forward to the possible adoption of new review procedures with German participation as soon as German ratification (of the EDC and the contractual agreements) was completed."

5. To put Germany on the same level as other European countries in the placing of contracts for offshore procurement.

The communique added that Mr Eisenhower, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and other members of the Cabinet had "a full and frank exchange of views on the world situation in general and on American-German relations in particular."

The President and the Chancellor discussed the effects which recent developments in the Soviet orbit might have on the East-West conflict.

"They were fully agreed that while no opportunity should be missed to bring about a general relaxation of tension, the free nations of the West must not relax their vigilance — or diminish their efforts to increase their unity and common strength."

"They were further agreed that if the Soviet rulers are genuinely desirous of peace and co-operation among all nations they could furnish no better proof of their goodwill than by permitting genuinely free elections in the Soviet-occupied zone of Germany and by releasing the hundreds of thousands of German civilian deportees and war prisoners still in Soviet hands." — Reuters.

## Thorez On Way Back To Paris

Helmstedt, Apr. 9.

Maurice Thorez, France's No. 1 Communist, crossed into West Germany here at 6.50 p.m. (2.50 a.m. Friday HKST) today, en route to Paris from Moscow where he went in 1950 for his health.

West German customs police said he was aboard an international train from Berlin to Paris via Cologne.

Berliners were unable to talk to him.

The police said Thorez was brought to Marienberg, in East Germany opposite here, in a special train with Polish soldiers and guards aboard. — Associated Press.

## Role For India Predicted

London, Apr. 9.

Well-informed quarters said tonight that India was most likely to be chosen as the neutral country where prisoners of war in Korea, who refuse to be repatriated would be sent.

It was expected that Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, would send detailed proposals to this effect to Peking over the week-end. — France-Press.

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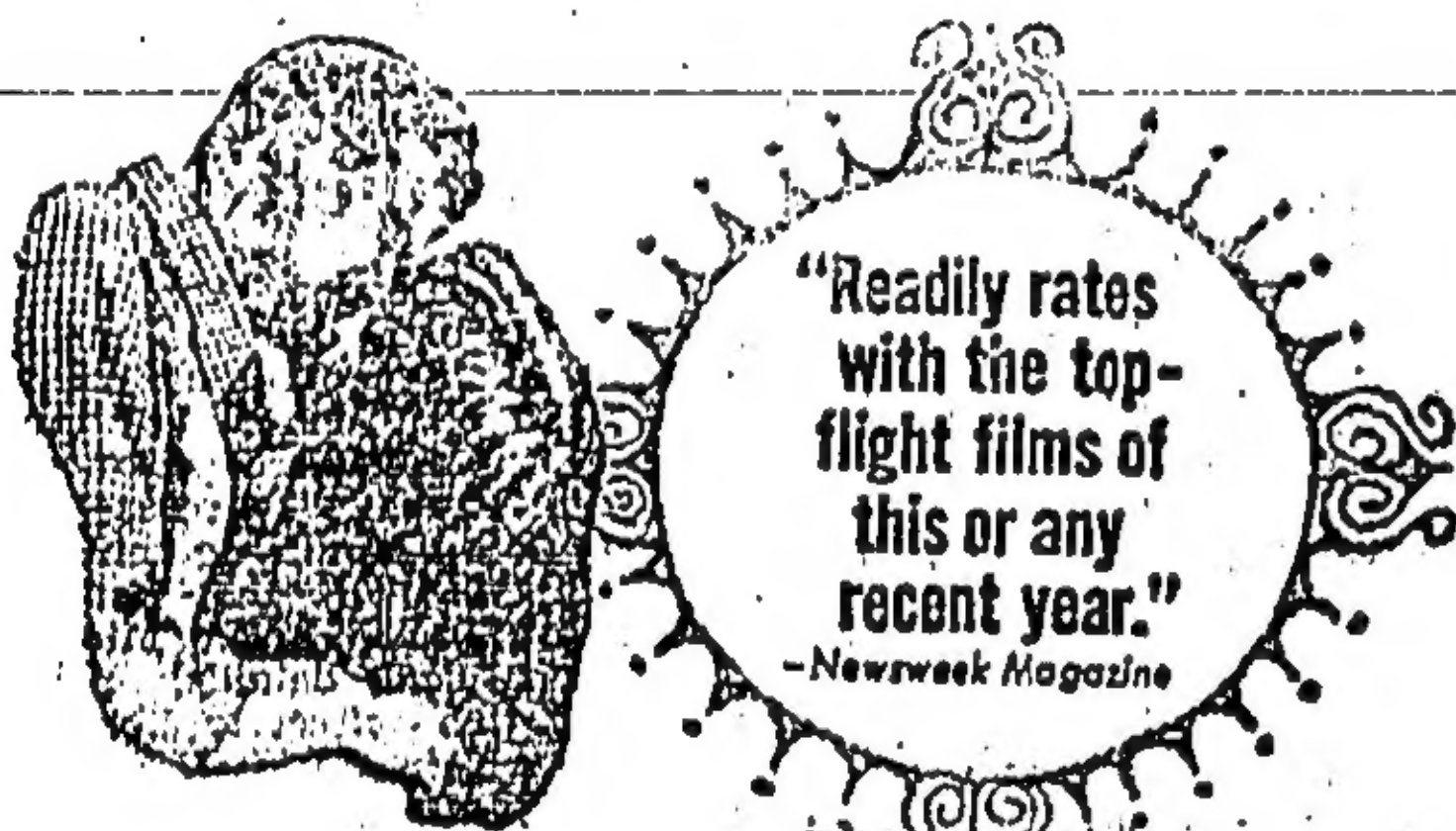
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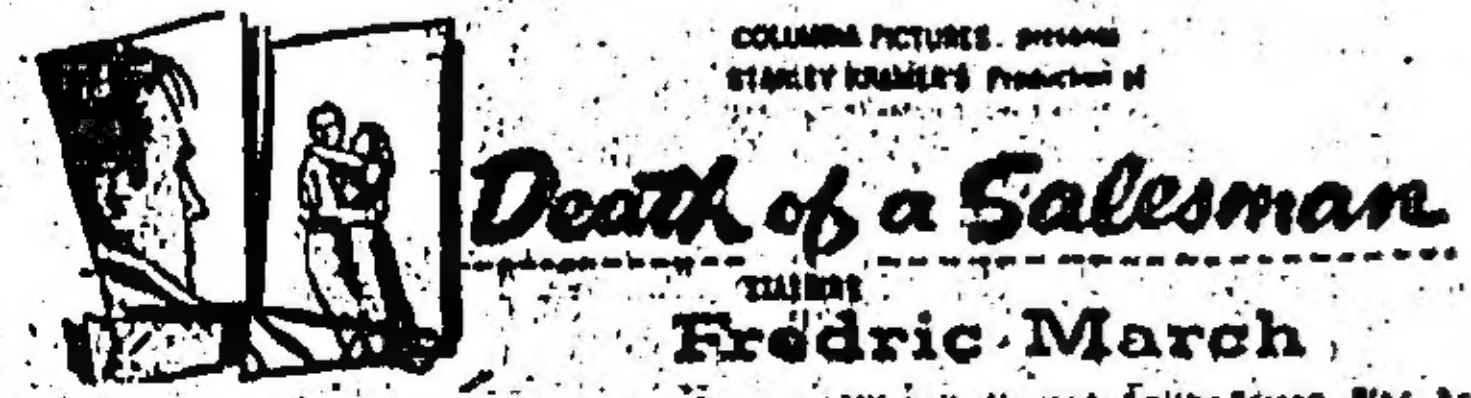
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## UN's New Secretary-General Goes "Under Cover"



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# East-West Trade Talks Planned Early In Geneva

London, Apr. 9.

West European nations will meet with Russia and her satellites in Geneva next week to examine prospects for developing East-West trade, it was officially stated here today.

The meeting, planned some time past, coincides with the Kremlin's latest peace offensive and it is expected to afford another occasion for the Soviet bloc to display some goodwill gestures.

The meeting will be attended by experts from members of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe which includes Iron Curtain countries in Europe as well as Western nations.

In a secret session it is to review the possibility of an expansion of East-West trade in those fields where a ban on exports to Communist nations apply. But there is no intention on the part of the West to discuss with the Soviet trade in strategic goods at present banned for security considerations even though Russia may want to reopen this chapter which has proved highly inconvenient to her and even more so to her satellites.

If the meeting reaches agreed recommendations they will be considered subsequently by the governments concerned and may later lead to bilateral trade arrangements.

## NO BINDING DECISIONS

The meeting will take no decisions which are binding on the governments represented at it. While limitations on strategic goods remained there was still scope in principle for trade in other goods—a wide range of industrial manufactures, textiles and consumer goods of all sorts in exchange for grain and timber from behind the Iron Curtain.

Britain, which will be represented by experts from the Board of Trade and the Ministry of Food, holds that she could do more trading with Russia and East Europe because she wants Russian non-dollar grain and timber and a variety of food-stuffs from other East European nations.

Other European countries would also want more trade provided it remained within the scope of non-strategic commodities.—United Press.



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# Hopeful World Is Entering Phase Of Lesser Tension

New York, Apr. 9.

Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, who flew here from Sweden today to take up his post as new Secretary-General of the United Nations, told reporters he hoped the world was "entering a period of less tension."

He was answering questions in the restaurant of the airport here. His predecessor in office, Mr Trygve Lie, sat at his side.

Quiet and smiling, Mr Hammarskjöld opened his first press conference with "a few general remarks."

He said: "Like all those engaged in diplomacy and politics, I have my own personal views on the great questions facing us."

"These views are my own, views as a private man. In my capacity as an international public servant, however, the private man must disappear."

He was asked about his immediate plans. He broke into a broad smile as he said: "To go under cover."

Again, discussing the difficulties of the job, Mr Hammarskjöld said: "We know them very well and how they look."

Asked if he looked upon his job as Secretary-General as a "go-between" from the East to the West, he said his conception of the job was that "the Secretary-General should be available to all the parties concerned."

He declined to comment on developments in Moscow since the death of Mr Stalin, saying: "I think it would not be appropriate for me to go on to any political question."

He was asked if that included Korea, and he replied: "Certainly."

## SHARING HOPES

Asked if he would say something about the changed attitude of the Soviet Union and its satellites toward the West, Mr Hammarskjöld clasped his hands and leaned forward on the table as he replied: "Would anybody go further than I when I say we all share the hope that we are entering on a period of less tension?"

Asked if he planned to return to Sweden soon, he said: "You can easily guess that I will have to return to Sweden to wind up some affairs of my Ministry. However, my feeling is that I should stay here until I see what the difficulties of the job are. I would not like to return until I had that feeling of safety."

Mr Hammarskjöld's name as pronounced by the reporters underwent a wide variety of distortions and interpretations, until one of them asked for the correct pronunciation.

"Well, we say Hammarskjöld, but if you call me Mr Hammarskjöld, I will understand," he said.—Reuter.

As the press conference concluded, Mr Hammarskjöld and Mr Lie went to the restaurant where the newsworld cameras were set up. In introducing Mr Hammarskjöld before the cameras, Mr Lie remarked: "You are going to take on the most impossible job on earth."

# Pledge Against Nationalisation

New Delhi, Apr. 9.

The government of India has given the U.S. Caltex Oil Company a 25-year guarantee against nationalisation, K. C. Reddy, Production Minister, said today.

He told the Lower Chamber of Parliament that the main provisions of the agreement were signed on March 23.

Caltex has been authorized to build a refinery at Vishakhapatnam harbour, with an initial capacity of 500,000 long tons. Work is scheduled to start early in 1955.

Reddy said 25 per cent of the issue capital of the new company will be offered to Indian investors.—Associated Press.

# GUATEMALA LODGES COMPLAINT

United Nations, Apr. 9.

Guatemala has complained to the United Nations and the Security Council alleging, in strong terms, that certain international political groups were attempting to interfere openly in her domestic affairs.

In a letter to the United Nations Secretary-General (Mr Hammarskjöld), Guatemala's Foreign Minister asked him to place on record the fact that its sovereignty is seriously threatened.

The complaint alleged that "since the Guatemalan revolution of 1944, newspaper chains in the United States and many journals in other countries and the largest North American news agencies have carried on a systematic propaganda campaign of false and tendentious reports."

It claimed that "a well-known British journalist went so far as to state that there was a secret base for Soviet submarines in Guatemala."—Reuter.

# Thailand Gets Ready For Trouble

Bangkok, Apr. 9.

The Ministry of the Interior has ordered all Government offices in the northern provinces to make arrangements to this important official document.

Background in case of a Communist invasion, it was stated by Major-General M. K. Karbunjan, Director General of the Public Relations Department.

"If a truce is actually achieved in Korea Thailand is prepared for any change in Communist strategy which may occur."

Premier Phibuns Secretariat-General said that he could not now predict that the Chinese Reds would turn their attention to South-East Asia after a settlement of Korean affairs, but "the Phibun Government already has plans which would be set in motion immediately there is an indication of a possible Communist attack here."

He said that the plans included the evacuation of the civilian population from strategic centres, the removal of official documents, the establishment of a Chinese volunteer corps Home Guard and other foreign communities.—United Press.

# RAF's Latest

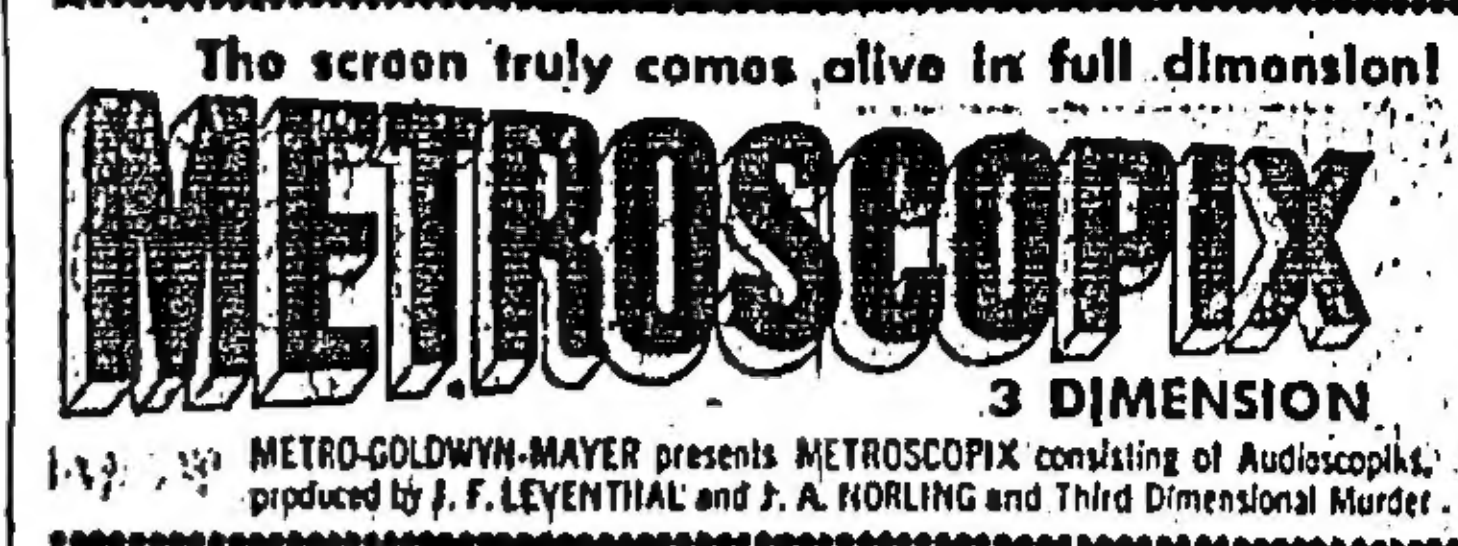
London, Apr. 9.

The Royal Air Force is to show Ceylon its latest long-range maritime reconnaissance aircraft now in service, the four-engined Avro Shackleton Mark 2 performance, details of which are still secret.

Six of these aircraft will visit Ceylon in mid-April. Three of them will then visit South Africa and the other three will return to Britain direct.—Reuter.

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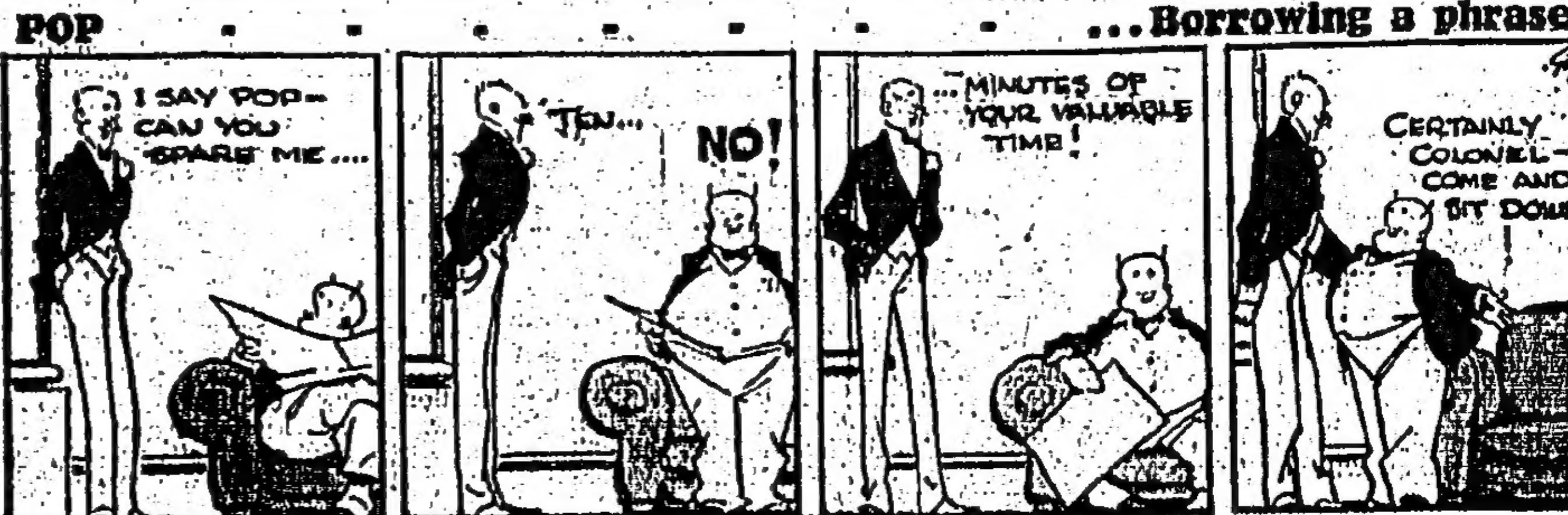
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# Too Early To Decide Soviet Policy Has Taken On Basic Change

Berlin, Apr. 9.

Moscow is a city of well-fed, happy people who "want peace", ten American newspaper executives reported tonight in Berlin upon their arrival from an unprecedented week-long stay in the Soviet capital.

The editors and publishers, led by James L. Wick of Niles, Ohio, agreed in a news conference on this overall impression of the city they were invited to visit at the height of the Russian about-face in the cold war.

## NATAL DEFECTION MOVE REVIVED

Durban, Apr. 9.

The ranking leader of Natal quietly resigned from the opposition United Party to step up resistance against Prime Minister Malan's Nationalists, it was learned today.

He is G. Heaton Nicholls, until recently United Party leader in the Union Senate and one-time South African High Commissioner to Britain.

Friends said his resignation probably will be announced officially after the general election.

Nicholls has kept out of the opposition's electoral campaigning.

His resignation highlights differences among the anti-Nationalist forces which are expected to result in new political developments in South Africa.

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"We got a very strong impression that there has been a very important change and we hope a real softening in the Russian attitude toward the West," Wick said.

"We saw a low standard of living among the people but they appeared happy and well fed."

Eugene Simon, of the Tarentum Daily News, added:

"You had to be there to fully appreciate how we were treated, but it is much too early to say if a basic and substantial change has been made in Soviet policy."

Stalin's name still is on every tongue, and he is "still the great hero of Russia," Mrs. Wick commented. Her husband added that the guide credited Stalin with "just about everything" on their tour of the Red Square.

The guide, a woman, said Stalin "discovered a new economic law and that is the standard of living always increases under Socialism."

It is forbidden in Moscow to refer to the Malenkov regime as "the new government."

"It is regarded only as a continuance and there is never any reference to any sudden or startling change," Wick said.

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Window-shopping, she was impressed at the display of foodstuffs in some of the government stores until on close inspection she noted that

the canned goods were artificial.

Nevertheless, Mrs. Gross said, the average Russian worker who earns anywhere from 800 to 2,000 rubles a month can buy two pounds of bread for one ruble.

Generally rents were very low, about five percent of income, but clothing is expensive.

Asked if they saw "symptoms of dictatorship" in Moscow, the editors nominated Mrs. McIlvaine to answer and she said bluntly: "Yes."

None of their stories nor broadcasts were censored, they said, but some of the copy of the permanent Moscow correspondents writing about them was here and there. Biddle said he saw one story censored which referred to the effect of the Soviet switch as being felt in every nook and cranny of Russia.

"They took the word 'cranny' out," he said. "Apparently there are no cracks but no crannies in Russia."—Associated Press.

RELUCTANT TO TALK

The guides assigned to the group were reluctant to talk about the developments which followed quickly on the death of Stalin. One of them, however, emphasized that the release of the Soviet doctors and their public exoneration "showed that the government tells us the truth."

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President Eisenhower with the French Premier, M. Rene Mayer, and other members of the French Cabinet, aboard the Presidential yacht "Williamsburg" in the Potomac River, Washington.—(London Express Photo).

## Prince Bernhard Thanks Britain

London, Apr. 10.

Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, President of the Dutch National Disaster Fund, has sent an open letter thanking all those in Britain who helped the Netherlands in the recent flood disaster. — Reuter.

## How To Fight Atom Bomb Film In London

London, Apr. 9.

A British film on how to fight the atom bomb was shown to the press here today.

Primarily for the training of civil defence workers the 50-minute film gives a cool, calm and correct picture of what happens when an atom bomb hits a modern city.

Canada and other British dominions have already asked for 30 copies. The United States is also interested and orders are coming in from many European states.

Before it was shown today Sir John Hodsoll, British Director General of Civil Defence Training, commented: "There are no dramatics about our film. There is no love interest. It is a plain, straightforward and unvarnished tale. It leaves you with the feeling that civil defence can do a great deal to remedy the effects of the bomb."—Reuter.

Medical Get Together Urged In Britain

London, Apr. 9.

The British Medical Journal today suggested that doctors from all over the world should meet in London to discuss change views, share experiences and get rid of mutual suspicions.

The Journal was commenting on the release of the nine Russian doctors accused of spying for Britain and the United States.

"If this violent loosening of tension between Russia and the non-Communist world to be more than a nine days wonder, we may hope to renew these contacts with Russian doctors that began during the war," the Journal said.—Reuter.

Seaman Freed After 6 Months

London, Apr. 9.

George Edward Robinson, 27-year-old British seaman, recently freed from a Russian prison, returned to England today in an RAF transport plane from Berlin.

He was released under the Soviet amnesty on April 2 after serving six months of a 12-month sentence for "hoaxing."

Robinson was arrested while serving as a crew member of the Swedish ship "Freden."—Associated Press.

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## MacArthur Thought Korea War Would End In 6 Months

Washington, Apr. 9.

The former Army Secretary, Mr. Frank Pace, Jr., said today that the major reason why ammunition production was not pushed in the first six months of the Korean war was General Douglas MacArthur's "considered judgment" that the war would end in December 1950.

Mr. Pace made the statement before the Senate Armed Services sub-committee investigating reports of serious and long-standing ammunition shortages in Korea.

He said it was the "considered judgment" of both Washington and the Far East Command that "that particular war" would end six months after it started in June 1950.

Pressed by Senator Harry Byrd (Democrat) to specify who held that belief, Mr. Pace replied: "General MacArthur."

Furthermore, he said, he also gained this "general impression" from attending famous Wake Island conference in October 1950, at which President Truman and General MacArthur discussed the Far Eastern situation.

The testimony apparently raised the possibility that General MacArthur himself might be called for testimony in the munitions inquiry.

"It was general thinking in October and November in all areas in Washington and the Far East that the war would be over by December," said Mr. Pace. — Reuter.

ONE YEAR LATER

Senator Byrd insisted that even in 1950 the ammunition situation was "critical" because the Army was depleting munitions stockpiles at home. He told Mr. Pace that not until October 1951 did the military realize that it faced a "critical" shortage.

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VOICE OF SPRING



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## Africans Smoulder On Election Eve

By BRETT OLIVER

**T**HE fat, disreputable-looking old buses rumble daily out from South Africa's native townships to the mines and labouring sites. Overloaded with slow-moving Africans in patched trousers and jackets, they throw up the dust in light clouds which drift and settle among the corrugated iron and wood shacks and on the shabby women with their clusters of ragged children.

The day passes and in the dusk the buses return. And at night, hundreds of thousands of Africans in the "proclaimed" areas of the Union count off one more day towards the general election of April 15.

In the up-country kraals and reserves, too, the days are being ticked off. So they are in the better-class Coloured sections of Cape-town and in the employer-built settlements of Johannesburg, Port Elizabeth and East London.

### Quiet Now

FOR South Africa is quiet now. There is no rioting, none of the violent incidents which identified last year's flaring defiance campaign.

Eight and a half million non-Whites are waiting for two and a half million Whites to decide which turn troubled South Africa takes in the next five years.

Anything could happen after April 15. For it is almost certain that Dr. Malan, the dour, implacable architect of Apartheid policy, will be given a new mandate to continue and extend his programme of forceful segregation.

Jacobus Strauss and his United Party, forming the moderate, middle-of-the-road Opposition in the last Parliament, can only hope for a miracle.

The eight and a half million Africans, Indians and Cape Coloureds are left with nothing to hope for. The next five years carry the shadow of the last five—but the shadow is darkening apace.

### Resistance

A NEW upsurge of resistance can be expected. The African and Indian Congresses, combined organizers of the defiance campaign against the discriminatory racial laws of Malan, have made it clear that the present calm is for the time being only. Supporters of the non-White cause—the uncompromising anti-Malan Socialists, the newly-venturing United Party and "Salon" Malan's crusading Torch Commandos—fully realize that the Nationalists will probably sweep back to power. And they know, too, that opposition to Dr. Malan's Apartheid policy will become a harder project as the

Nationalists, with five clear years ahead of them, begin to twist the segregation screws tighter.

The prospect for Africans is therefore as unpromising as ever. Specially for those hundreds of thousands who have been drifting into the cities over the past decade. They are the ones who lack an impoverished, but substantially free, rural existence for the unspoken promise of a brighter city life. They came foolishly. And the shanty towns sprang up.

### The Slums

THESE sprawling, tumbledown slums, particularly round Johannesburg, account for most of South Africa's racial unrest. They stretch in squalid, desolate lines of two-roomed shacks, made usually by the Africans themselves from cardboard and wood, or the stained sides of flattened metal tin drums. In the summer there is always danger of fire; in the winter the hovels become waterlogged and speed the spread of tuberculosis.

The rent for these shanties, or for the ground on which they stand, is about 7s. 6d. a month.

Outwardly, the colour belts have an indescribably ramshackle appearance. But the huts are kept reasonably neat and clean inside, and the Africans living in them appear happy, in their own way. Some families collect a little furniture, but single men are usually content with a sleeping sack, a stool or perhaps a bench or two.

Luckier natives live in brick barracks, flats or small houses which they are also learning to build. Sanitation and water supplies are not always evident.

## TEN WORDS DECIDE EINSTEIN

New York. ALBERT EINSTEIN, the "father of relativity," offered the world a single "law" to explain all the workings of the universe.

And behind this law shines his belief in an orderly universe under the directing hand of God.

The law is set down in four deceptively simple equations. They are issued by Princeton University Press in a 32-page appendix to his relativity theory.

What a shock for the materialistic scientists! What arguments it will provoke! For white-haired, one-eyed Einstein challenges the scientific theory (now almost extinct) that there is no cause-and-effect, no purpose in the universe.

He believes his single law shows that there is. And in ten words he sums up his belief: "I cannot believe that God plays dice with the cosmos."

Living conditions in these areas, besides encouraging the spread of disease, breed crime. Every week-end there are stab-bings and murders. Theft is rife.

Next to nothing is being done to improve the 'Africans' housing. Even with a stepped-up programme, years would be needed before sufficient family units and bachelor quarters could be built to transfer more than a fraction of the countless thousands from the Union's shanty towns.

It has been suggested that homeless Africans should be allowed to build temporary, but sound, tin huts in the approved native locations. This would help to wipe out the worst squalor at the expense of lowering the standard of the location.

Luckiest of the gigantic cheap-labour pool in South Africa are those housed by employers. For them, life is reasonable enough. Employers are doing what they can to put more of their workers into homes. The African-nationalist awakening is pressing them into a speedier gait than before.

### Other Side

THE South African scene, no matter how ugly some of its tones, is not entirely one of suppression of the non-Whites. It is true that the Nationalist Government has made honest efforts in some directions to uplift the Africans. Education has been expanded, health and social welfare and conditions in industry have all been improved to an extent.

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And he reports to Congress that the Communist Party in which he goes underground in calls of five members each, is running its own loyalty check.

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HOLLYWOOD wants to make a picture that British film makers should, above all else, make. It is the story of Magna Carta—1215 and all that.

And Greer Garson, Elizabeth Taylor, Stewart Granger, and Michael Wilding are to be in it does not make the ambitions of Hollywood, yearning to put King John and Runnymede in a three-dimensional film, any more apt from the British point of view.

CIGAR makers want to entice women smokers. They hope to make thin blue, green, and pink cigars.

sions for the blind and disabled and school feeding.

Out in the country, the kraals and reserves have seen little change, and the natives who remain unattracted by the cruel lure of city life lead a fundamental, tribal routine.

The Indians, more educated and assertive in outlook, have been for themselves, in most instances, a tolerable foothold in the community. They have jobs, homes and a substantial degree of security.

Cape Province has comparatively few Africans, though the proclaimed area at Cape-town now has about 50,000 men alone, or nearly three times as many as immediately after the war.

### Kept Apart

NON-WHITES in the Cape are a mainly Coloured—about a million of them. They are strongly European in outlook and live in good brick homes and work at good artisan jobs.

But whether African, Indian or Cape Coloured, the non-Whites of South Africa are guilty of being non-White. They all suffer the same indignities and most of the same restrictions. Segregation applies to them all, in all its present manifestations.

They are kept apart from the Whites wherever possible. Separate cinemas, separate transport, separate entrances to public places like railroad stations, separate shopping centres.

The defiance movement, so passive in the pre-election period, is supported almost entirely by the Africans and Indians. The Cape Coloureds, essentially law-abiding, have no truck with it. But this does not mean they are not keen of raising themselves.

## The Co-ed Prince, Divine No Longer

By RUSSELL SPURR

Tokyo, made his own bed, and waited for a seat at the dining-table.

He comes with three tons of luggage and 50 crates of valuable lacquer and silverware for gifts to V.I.P.s he will meet in a 14-nation tour.

Prince Akhito will disembark from a U.S. liner at San Francisco, cross Canada by rail, and board the Queen Elizabeth at New York.

What Akhito sees on his tour may vitally affect the future of Japan. A committee has been spending the last three months consulting the British Embassy and the Japanese Mission in London about what he should see and what he should not.

### Headlines

A WARDROBE has been ordered in advance in Savile Row, the right people have been selected to meet him. Thirty newspapermen and photographers will report his every move but Akhito is used to headlines. They have followed every phase of his life.

THE BABY PRINCE of pre-war Japan, taken away from his parents at the age of three to prepare him for divinity and the throne.

THE YOUNG PRINCE in uniform watching the Imperial armies march off to destruction in Burma and the Pacific.

THE FUZZLED PRINCE standing beside his frightened father and mother as the Stars and Stripes was hoisted over the occupation headquarters opposite the moated Imperial Palace in Tokyo.

THE PRINCE sampling democracy under his new Western tutors. Gone were the admirals and generals who traditionally schooled him for his future role as commander-in-chief of the forces of the Rising Sun.

### At school

HE now learned the practices of peaceful lands, read Shakespeare and Goethe and the history of democratic development.

The headlines were biggest when one of the last traditions was broken and Akhito entered the Gakushuin, Japan's best school.

He studied in a co-educational class with the sons and daughters of the Japanese aristocracy.

The Coronation tour may introduce some changes. A glimpse of the Duke of Edinburgh piloting his plane or sailing a boat may make the courtiers change their views. If they do, the Japanese people will follow the Imperial lead. And democracy will get one more chance in Japan.



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## • BY THE WAY • by Beachcomber

MANY who are alarmed at the disappearance of agricultural land are suggesting that enormous high blocks of flats would take up less space than small houses.

They call this building upwards, but for reasons obvious even to air-ports or dirt-tracks, Mr. Commissioner, having considered forward, upward, inward, sideways and backward building, are of opinion that downward building is the solution in our city. Our vision is of a new race of men, wandering in perpetual darkness and wearing hygienic nightshirts and sandals.

**Marginal note**  
ONLY the public-spirited inaction of the Socialists saved poor little readers, you having this property confiscated. Now that the vindictive action of the Tories forces him to him as compensation, asked out by his royalties from shipyards and engineering works, it would be a graceful gesture if the Socialists were to open a subscription list for him, to get him on his feet again.

**Nothing to do with me**  
I HAVE read some odd definitions of simplified spelling. The oddest comes from an 18th-century writer who says that the idea is that children should learn to read by using the letters of the alphabet as they would use the letters of the alphabet to learn to read. But what about a third kind of spelling, for use when they are

neither reading nor writing? Karrelsh nee out ynn er xylt barquette!

**Printer's frolic**  
A steely three-inch surgeon, caught in British waters, was landed in Cornwall. (News item.)

**In passing**  
OWING to the difficulty of procuring an ox, an Essex local council, not to be daunted, has decided to roast a sausage whole in the open air. I hope it will be a sausage of heroic proportions, like that monster on the 100 years ago at the Hotel de Ville. La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre, where Truchet, Marshal Joffre's old chef, lived in active retirement. This sausage-roasting is a braver deed than the proposal of a local authority in the Midlands to roast an ox in a cage. Symbolic basting, I suppose, by girls in bathing costumes, and old folk dances by Dame Weir's Maypoets.

**Cocklecarrot explains difficult ruling**  
It seems that you can be prosecuted if you receive an unused postage stamp from one envelope and stick it on to another. But Mr Justice Cocklecarrot has explained that if you have then half the stamp is stuck down, it may be used again, as it is held to be not stuck down. If the whole stamp, or more than half of it, is adhering to the envelope, it is held to be stuck down. It is a bit of a puzzle, but it is at once made clear that it is not to be used for a different envelope.

## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

BORN today, the stars have given you exceptional natural talents. Whether they be directed toward good or evil is up to you. If you hold your ideal high you can go down as one of the great ones of your age. But to waste your star-given gifts—or to lose yourself in these unworthy of you—could bring disappointment and unhappiness. You can bring happiness to your own life. You can decide what it is to be.

Your interest in the affairs of others is unlimited and you are one who can work behind the scenes to make things come out as you want them to. You are very adaptable to people and to conditions and it is this characteristic that must be watched. Easily influenced by the associated you must select those with whom you can work very carefully. You are happiest in the busy and bustling of large cities where there is always something going on. You have a talent for oratory and speaking in public, knowing how to sway audience with great ease. It is drawn into politics, you could be very successful. You know how to argue almost any side of a question effectively. So, always make sure you are on the right side.

You are an ardent campaigner for any cause in which you honestly believe. Selling goods or ideas—come naturally. You are fond of music and may have some real playing talent. The stage might easily lure you, for you enjoy the drama of life, be it real or in the theatre. You like so many people so well that you must have real difficulty in selecting any one person for a marriage partner.

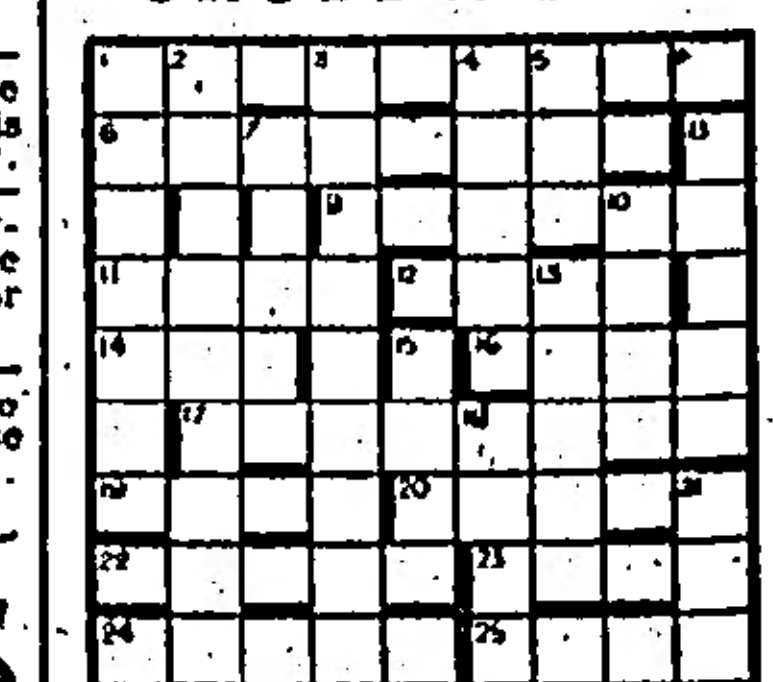
To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

**ARIES** (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) — Extreme emotional expressions — toward optimism or pessimism are to be avoided. Make good progress. **Taurus** (Apr. 21-May 21) — Pay a call on someone you may not have seen for some time. You can bring happiness to someone's life. **GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) — It sometimes helps to discuss your future plans with someone else. Pick out one who can give good advice. **CANCER** (June 22-July 23) — Some minor changes in your home or office environment can be inaugurated very successfully now. **LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23) — He on your guard against emotionalism. If you are a high strung, try to be calm to balance things. **VIRGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) — Now is an auspicious time to make your request for a favour. It is likely to be granted willingly. **LIBRA** (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) — Daydreaming won't get you anywhere today. This is a time to be eminently practical in all you do or say. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 23) — Get all your necessary work done by noon and you can utilize the afternoon and evening for fun.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 24-Dec. 23) — Close concentration on a real objective will bring you very close to realization. Make good progress. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 24-Jan. 20) — If at all possible, postpone any important decision until a little later on when judgment will be better. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) — The expectancy of a new friend or friend of friends today. A chance acquaintance may not prove reliable. **PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) — If confronted with a problem of a scientific or technical nature, go to a reliable source book for a solution.

## CROSSWORD



Across:  
1. Sleep at an epic price. (9)  
2. Improve the road arch. (9)  
3. Adopt but no longer uncover. (9)  
4. Bothersome. (4)  
5. Apparently he's nothing to brag. (9)  
6. Colour stars breaks out in. (4)  
7. Hold very high esteem. (9)  
8. Merit. (4)  
9. With this an American Tommy returns in an automobile. (9)  
10. Nothing upsets the dean like. (9)  
11. Included in anything worth trying. (4)  
12. Something to gain a seat. (5)  
13. You stand it in the Services. (4)  
Down:  
1. Open for the free cap. (7)  
2. Peace corn (anagram). (9)  
3. Father's rough writing. (9)  
4. Give short of an evil grip. (9)  
5. Diminutive question, this. (5)  
6. A valuable one in the moss. (5)  
7. Usually a deafening sound. (5)  
8. More than half a dozen. (4)  
9. Rise into position. (4)  
10. Our first contact. (4)

**WHAT'S HER LINE?**  
SADIE H. WATERS  
Rearrange the letters to spell her occupation.  
(Continued on Page 10)

## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Do Some Planning To Win Bridge Trick

NORTH			
♠ Q73			
♥ 943			
♦ 8742			
♣ J05			
EAST			
♠ J1052			
♥ K8			
♦ J103			
♣ 1092			
SOUTH (D)			
♠ AK			
♥ AJ0			
♦ AKQ			
♣ AQ3			
North-South vul.			
South	West	North	East
S.N.T.	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥ 5			

By OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY I will discuss bidding according to the point-count method so that beginners and average players can see how the experts bid. Just in case you're not familiar with the point-count, here it is: count 4 points for each ace in your hand; 3 for each king; 2 for each queen; 1 for each jack.

There are 10 points in each suit, and 40 points in the entire deck. You and your partner usually need 20 points to make a game; 33 points for a small slam; 37 for a grand slam.

In today's hand, South's opening bid of three no-trump shows a count of 25 to 27 points, with balanced distribution and stoppers in all four suits. Many good players would be tempted to open the hand with a bid of two diamonds, but the final contract would still be three no-trump.

West opens the live of hearts, East puts up the king, and South must plan his play carefully. South can expect to take eight tricks in his own hand, but the ninth trick is hard to find. South cannot get to dummy in order to cash the queen of spades or to try a club finesse.

South might plan to hold up the ace of hearts as long as possible and then try to develop a club trick. This would work if East had the king of clubs, or if West had only a four-card heart suit. As the cards lie, however, this plan would allow West to take a club and four heart tricks, which would defeat the contract.

South can make his contract without hoping for luck. He refuses the first heart trick, but wins the second. He must then cash the two top spades and all four diamond tricks. Having done so, he gets out by leading the jack of hearts—thus making West a present of the rest of the long heart suit.

The defenders are thus allowed to take at most four heart tricks. When West gets through with his hearts, however, he will have to lead a black suit. If he leads a spade, dummy's queen will furnish declarer's ninth trick. If West leads a club instead, declarer gets a free finesse for his ninth trick.

## CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:  
South West North East  
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass  
2  
You, South, hold: Spades K-J-8-2, Hearts A-K-Q-P-8, Diamonds A-7-3, Clubs A-2. What do you do?

A—Bid three clubs. You have a count of 15 points in your hand, 2 for the singleton, and 1 point extra for the picture cards in spades. You intend to support the spades vigorously at your next turn, and the reason for bidding three clubs on the way is to indicate that you have only a small slam ambition.

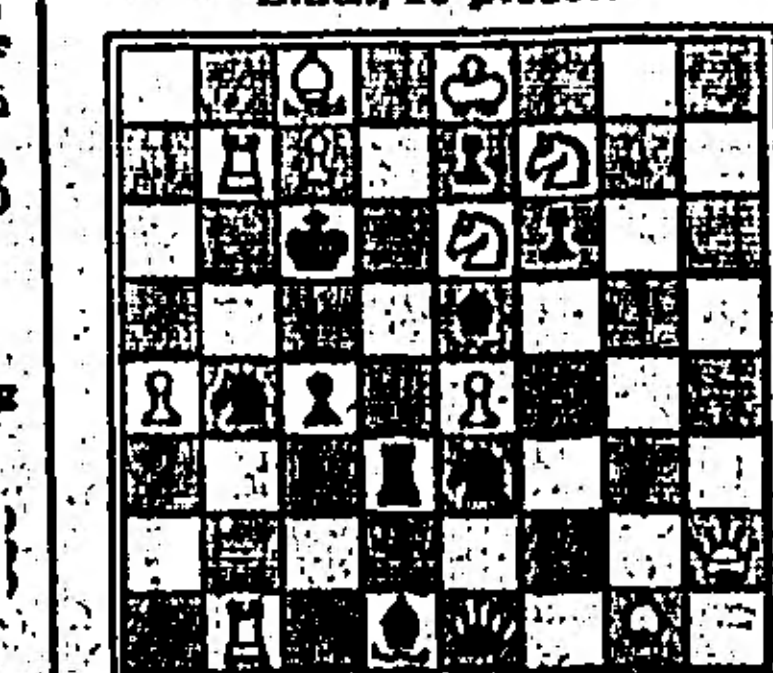
## TODAY'S QUESTION

Q—The bidding has been:  
North South West East  
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass  
2 Spades Pass  
3 South, hold: Spades K-J-7-2, Hearts A-K-Q, Diamonds 7-5-3-2, Clubs 9-8-3. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

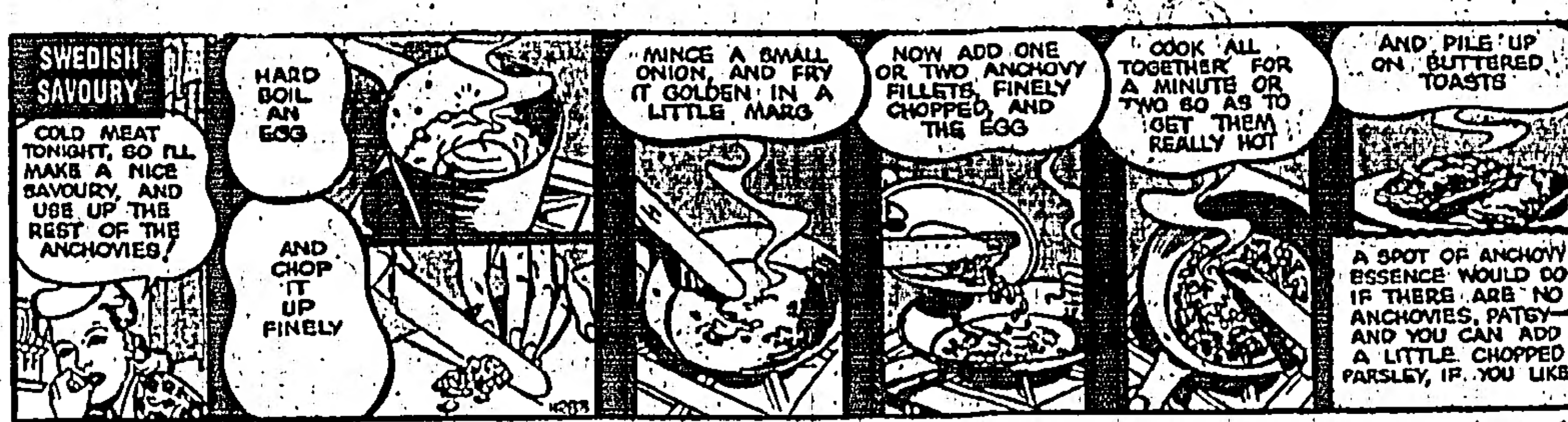
## CHESS PROBLEM

By B. SCHOTTERBECK  
(BOF Tourney) Black, 10 pieces.



White, 11 pieces.  
Write to play: mate in two.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. K-K4; any 2. B-B3, or K-B4.

# WOMANSENSE



## THE DEBS GROW UP

SEVENTEEN is no longer the essential age for a debutante. Mothers of many of the Coronation debutantes being presented to the Queen, believe girls under 18 are too young to enjoy late nights and grown-up parties.

DENISE RICHARDS, talking to some of these girls, found that many are already 19 or more, and that others will be 18 before the season "officially" opens in May.



ELIZABETH ROWE, 21-year-old granddaughter of the late Archbishop Storr, of Westminster, was christened in Westminster Abbey. She has spent three years at Oxford, has her BA, and in May returns to take her teaching diploma. Then she goes to Croydon High School to teach English. "I shan't be able to do the season, but I couldn't put off being presented any longer," she says.

While in London she stays with her godmother, Mrs. Norman Adams, at Chapel Street, Belgrave.



THALIA GREVILLE-COLLINS, 19-year-old daughter of company director Mr. William Greville-Collins, will be having her second "season" this summer. She was in Ontario for the Canadian season last November. There she worked as a model, sales-girl and comparison shopper.

Now she divides her time between her family's Park Lane flat and 17th century house at Castle Combe, Wiltshire. Her coming-out dance will be for 200 guests at the Dorchester on June 3.



SARAH PARSONS, 18-year-old daughter of the first Baron Bethell, is one of the few debutantes who do not work at home and would have to go out to work. Miss Parsons took a six months' domestic course after leaving school and sometimes cooks for her parents. But she prefers riding and tennis, spends week-ends at the family 300-acre farm at Catfield, near Battle, Sussex. In London they have a mews cottage in Mount Row, Mayfair. Sarah is sharing a dance for 400 guests with Susan Wilkforce at 44, Grosvenor Square, on June 23.

## Featuring Tamale Pie

HERE'S a simple substantial fare:

**DINNER**  
Cottage Cheese Saladettes  
Tamale Pie  
Baked Sliced Eggplant  
Sliced Peaches  
Ginger Snaps  
Coffee Tea Milk

All Measurements Are Level  
Recipes Serve Four

## TAMALE PIE

Make 1 qt. cornmeal mush; then cool. Rub a 3 pt. heat-proof glass baking dish with butter or margarine. Line with 2/3 of the mush. While the mush cooks prepare the filling: To do this, melt 2 tbs. butter or margarine in a saucepan. Stir in 1/2 lb. chopped raw beef, veal or lamb, 1/4 c. minced onion, 1 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. monosodium glutamate, 1/2 tsp. paprika, 1/4 tsp. pepper and 1/2 tsp. enriched flour. Brown thoroughly. Mix in 1 c. lined or fresh tomato. Add 1 tbs. minced parsley. Slow-cook 3 min. Spoon into the baking dish. Garnish with 6 sliced stuffed olives. Spread over the remaining mush to make a cover. Brush with milk; dot with butter or margarine; bake 35 min. in a hot oven, 400 F.

## GRAPE CONSERVE

Strip the skins from 3 lbs. ripe grapes. Bring the pulp to a boil; simmer covered 5 min. Then rub through a sieve. Grind the grape skins and add to the pulp. Measure 4 c. of this mixture into a large saucepan. Add 1/4 c. lemon juice, 1 tbs. grated lemon rind, 1 lb. raisins and 1 c. line-chopped nuts. Add 7 c. sugar. Place over a high heat; bring to a full rolling boil and boil hard 1 min. Stir constantly. Remove from the heat and stir in 1/2 bottle liquid fruit pectin. Skim off any foam with a spoon. Then stir and skim by turns for 5 min. to cool slightly and to prevent the fruit from floating. Ladle into sterilized glasses. Cover at once with 1/2 in. melted paraffin.

## Household Hint

The composition tops of metal furniture are best cleaned by rubbing with a rag dampened in alcohol. Then go over with a dry cloth. A wax polish applied once a month will protect the surface and give a nice finish. For a high gloss on chrome finish, use a mixture of alcohol and whiting.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### Blackie Beetle's Locked Out

—But Hanid Finds Him a "Key" to Get In Again—

By MAX TRELL

IT was such a cold night that Hanid, the shadow-girl with the turned-about name, didn't expect to find anyone outside at all. (Shadows, fortunately for them, never mind the cold. They're so thin that the cold just passes through them and comes out the other side. It's one of the nice things about being a shadow.)

### Peered Under

"There now! Jump harder on the other side, Blackie!" said one. "No! It isn't loose on this side yet!" said a second, peering under the rock. "Jumping on it won't do any good," said a third. "You've got to push it. Do you hear, Blackie? You've got to push it!"

"He lived under it," the beetle answered. "He left it a little while ago to go out and get some dinner. When he came back he found it locked tight. Now he can't get in."

### Stopped Jumping

"Maybe it can't get locked," said Blackie, as he stopped jumping on the rock, and came over to Hanid, "but just the same it did take a look at it. See if you can open it."

### Peered Under

"I don't care what you call it," said Blackie. "AM I know it's that I can't get in."



Blackie was jumping up and down angrily on top of a rock.

"Pull!" she urged. "Pull hard, er!"

Finally there was a cracking sound and the rock began coming up. Blackie scurried under it.

"Thank you, Hanid! Thank you everybody!" he called from below. "Never thought I'd see the inside of my house again. Leave that key outside. Can't tell when I might be needing it."

"He means the twig," said Hanid to the other beetles. Suddenly they all scattered. "Say—we forgot all about our houses! Maybe they're locked, too! We'd better find more keys—we'd better find more keys!"

## Rupert and Morwenna—19



As the two friends listen the sound comes again faintly. Trying to trace it, they move back to their first shelf. Then they hear it yet again. "Hush!" says Rupert. "The red shelf! The voice is coming from inside it. There must be something there!"

Picking it up, he shakes it, but nothing falls out. Then he puts it to his ear and his face looks even more astonished. The voice, he whispers, "It's clear! Now it's asking me who we are and where we are! Whoever can be speaking?"

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## GEORGE WHITING'S COLUMN

## The World Champion Watcher Of International Sport

Desmond P. Brady dropped in last week. And if you have never heard of Desmond P., well, that suits the shy but sharp-eyed outlook of a wide-shouldered New Zealander, who, at 29, has become a world champion watcher of international sport.

You, too, could have seen Australians playing cricket in New Zealand, Americans jumping in Japan, men of all nations playing the games of all nations in Finland, and a comprehensive selection of quaint old English sport spectacles in the Mother Country—such fiestas including basket-ball by the Harleins, Globe Trotters and golf by Bob Hope.

All you needed for such a round trip was an infinite capacity for washing dishes. Having boxed, rowed, swum and played rugby back home, Brady, orphan son of a Dunedin grocer, got the travel-urge during a service career that took him in and out of seven countries from New Zealand to Japan, via India and Italy.

## ODD-JOBS JOB

An odd-jobs job in a ship's galley carried him to the Olympics in Helsinki, where he thumped life into the muscles of his country's athletes as an honorary masseur—and to Twickenham, Wembley, Stamford Bridge, White City, Lord's and St. Paul's.

Now, as a physical training instructor in SS Edinburgh Castle, playing between Southampton and South Africa, he saves the Brady wages for a summer tour of European rivers,

and a visit to the 1954 Empire Games in Vancouver. By the time he returns to New Zealand, or Christmas 1954, globe-trotter Brady reckons he will have cast a speculative eye on the sport of at least 30 countries.

A strong, silent, rugby-rowing type, Brady dismisses his plumage as something less than ordinary, and was horror-struck when I suggested he might have formed an opinion or two on the sporting scene in these parts.

## HIS TESTIMONY

However, he eventually vouchsafed the following testimony to the performance and prospects of our rough island games:

Cricket.—You can beat the Australians if you take a lesson from South Africa and put your faith in young blood, team

work and smartness in the field.

Rowing.—With your facilities and your boat-builders, you should be the best oarsmen in the world. You are certainly the most stylish. The Americans have no style—but at least they put their oars through the water.

Athletics.—How can you compete with the Scandinavians and their marvellous track facilities? Your youngsters could match the best in the world if they only had more cinder tracks.

Hurley.—Your forwards seem to play too loosely, too individually, and with a lack of understanding of each other's game. We play a very tight game in New Zealand, like the South Africans.

## "BEST CONTROLLED"

Boxing.—Your amateurs, as seen in the Empire Games, and the Olympics, box to a higher standard than any in the world. They also seem to be the best controlled, and certainly the most sportsmanlike.

All of which seems fair enough to a reporter whose sportswatching is strictly professional.

## TURPIN V. POWELL?

Manager George Middleton tells me that Randolph Turpin "would not mind" a fight with Dennis Powell, the new British Cruiserweight Champion.

"If we are stuck for a job, I'll do it," says Middleton. Do not blame the Turpin camp for this apparently couldn't-care-less attitude. The present cock-eyed situation, brought about by the rule that no boxer may hold two British Championships, is hardly worth serious thought.

Turpin, already Middleweight Champion, had to give up the cruiserweight title, and would have to do so again if he beat Powell—an assignment that would not occasion him too much trouble.

Then, if he sought to qualify for outright ownership of the title, he would have to fight a third time with a third win, he would have to beat the next "stop-gap" champion conjured up by the rule-book.

## WORCESTER WATERLESS

You and I may be dusty throated, but the recent drought has brought no wall from Worcester, where the Australian cricketers begin their tour on April 29.

In recent years the Worcester ground at this time of the year has been up to ten feet under water, with swans seeking refuge near the pavilion from the swift currents of the Severn.

Today, the drought has enabled the groundsmen to make several outings with the mower, and work began last week on the pitch on which the Australians will play.

Given fine weather, Worcestershire expect their attendance record, 32,000 in 1948, to be easily beaten. Four rows of terracing and backed seats now almost completely encircle one of the loveliest and most picturesque grounds in the country.

—(London Express Service)

## LADIES' GOLF AT SHEK-O

A Medal Competition was held at Shek-O Country Club on Thursday. Mrs. Byington won with a net 69.

Ladies are reminded that there will be a Shanghai Four-man against Baggy on May 14 (Guest Day). Players to arrange their own partners. A list will be posted at the Club House.

## FA Team Invited To Australia

The British Football Association were asked today to send an England amateur soccer team on a £20,000 tour of Australia this year.

The invitation has been made by Vivian J. Chalwin, former Yorkshire amateur player, on behalf of the Australian Soccer Association.

Chalwin, who has made his home in Australia, is in England on business.—Reuters

## Bassett Beaten

Washington, Apr. 9. Percy Bassett, world "interim" featherweight champion, was outpointed over ten rounds in a non-title bout last night by Dave Gellardo of Los Angeles.

Bassett, a Philadelphia-Negro, won the "interim" title when he beat Ray Fanechon of France in three-rounds in February.

The world title was "frozen" when the holder, Sandy Saddler, was suspended for military service with the United States Army.—Reuters

## Barbados Cricketer To Play For Hampshire

London, Apr. 9. Roy Marshall, 22-year-old bespectacled Barbados and West Indies batting star, has signed a contract to play for Hampshire. He is due to arrive in England on April 21 and though he cannot play in the county championship for two years under a residential qualification, he can appear in other matches, such as against Australia, Oxford University and the MCC.—Reuters



## Bryan Marshall—Perhaps The Greatest Ever Grand National Winner

The Grand National is the greatest and toughest horse race in the world. It is the blue ribbon of the turf, and to win it is the ambition of all National Hunt jockeys.

This year this honour fell to Bryan Marshall, and the manner of his twenty-length victory on Early Mist established him as perhaps the greatest ever National Hunt jockey.

Twenty-one years over the sticks is a fine record for any jockey. But Bryan is not just any jockey, and in his case the achievement will forever be one of racing's marvels. For it is a miracle that he is still able even to sit on a horse.

That he does, must be attributed to the abnormal crash-resisting quality of his frame, and the sweeping advances of modern medical skill. You see, Bryan is a sportsman who has literally "crashed" into the headlines.

## WIRED TOGETHER

Season after season, the words "Bryan Marshall hurt again" have filled the headlines. He has broken his left arm in four places, both his legs, his thigh, his collar bones (four times) and suffered innumerable smashed ribs. And Bryan admits now to "being literally wired together." Even in bed he has to wear a plastic neckband to rest his injured vertebrae.

As leading National Hunt rider Fred Winter said after the race, "Nobody deserves the honour more than Bryan after all he has been through."

Although his job makes speed-ways and other "daredevil" sports seem as exciting as the vicar's tea-party, Bryan, in his soft "Cavan O'Connor" voice, denies that there is anything extraordinary in the way he makes his living.

"Think nothing of it," he says with a shrug. "I should hate to have to count how many bones I have broken in my time, but it is all part of the business."

"You've got to take a few chances if you are going to be any good at this or any other job. The too-careful fellows never get anywhere. In any case, there are always plenty of bones. I think

I've got a few odd ones here and there that are all in one piece.

"I feel fine. If I am unlucky it is not because of broken bones, but because of the tax-collector. I don't mind taking risks but I do hate seeing the results of them going into someone else's pocket."

Although Bryan is a veteran jockey of 21 years' experience, he is not a veteran in the ordinary sense. He began his racing career as a lad of 12, as an apprentice to "Atty" Persse. Even at that tender age he had nine years' riding behind him. He claims to have registered his first fall at three, when he and his pony parted company at an Irish meet.

## ARTIST IN THE SADDLE

In the saddle Bryan is an artist. He brings to National Hunt racing all the glory and spectacle of show-jumping. In the "National", his horse, Early Mist, jumped with the smoothness of a cat. It almost seemed to purr going over Becher's.

Bryan's style is reminiscent of the immortal Jack Anthony. It might almost be an improvement. Jack was slightly better over fences than Bryan, but Bryan is thoroughly at home over either.

He has a quiet confidence, and refuses to be hustled. Even if behind, he never deviates from his perfect style, for besides his brilliant ability, he has an extremely keen brain, and can sum up a race in an instant by judging the staying power of rival mounts.

Yet all these qualities would have availed Marshall nothing had it not been for his great courage. Few men could have taken so many knocks and come up for more.

—(London Express Service)

## TURPIN V. HUMEZ

## French Regard BBBC Decision As Too Precipitate

Paris, Apr. 9.

The decision of the British Boxing Board of Control recognising the Randy Turpin-Charles Humez fight as counting for the world title was considered by French boxing officials to be "rather precipitate".

Emile Cremaux, President of the French Boxing Federation, told Reuters "this decision of the BBBC is rather hasty. The European Boxing Union has a meeting here in Paris on May 2 and 3 to which Messrs. Barton and Christenberry, representing the two American boxing boards, have been invited.

"At this meeting the Americans and Europeans will be able to have a straight talk, and without doubt, will be able to come to some arrangement concerning this middleweight title." M. Raymond Liemout, Administrative Secretary of the French and European Federation, stated he could say nothing as he had "received no official intimation from London."—Reuters

## AMERICAN OPPOSITION

New York, Apr. 9. American opposition to the British Boxing Board's decision

## Very Friendly Match Between Amateurs

Dunkirk, Apr. 9. The crew of 34 of a Russian cargo boat, the 1,181-ton Hasan, broke their "no fraternisation" rule and challenged dockers here to a game of football yesterday.

"We want a very friendly match between amateurs," stipulated Captain Dogdanov. The game was arranged on a Dunkirk football ground and, led by the Captain, the Russians began limbering up on the quayside with a practice game among themselves.

The Dunkirk dockers, perhaps anxious to see the game, worked hard and the Hasan was speedily unloaded—before kick-off time. With their ship ready to sail, the Russians changed their minds about football, trooped back on board, and cancelled the game.—Reuters

## SCOTLAND HAS ITS MOST PROMISING DISTANCE RUNNER IN YEARS

Scottish Cross-Country Champion Eddie Bannan, by his fine show in finishing fourth in the International at Paris, closed one of the most promising seasons the Scottish Cross-Country Union have had in their 50 years' existence.

Now Bannan's aim is for the Scottish Three Mile Track Championship in June. He may not only win, but set up a record time, for the young Shettleston Harrier is the greatest distance prospect Scotland has ever had.

Len Nicholson, Scotland's smallest speedway rider, will not race again. The five-foot "mighty atom" of the track has been banned from the sport by his doctors.

After a crash at Glasgow's White City last October, Len lay in hospital for months. His life was despaired of by the doctors. "But now," says Len, "I am perfectly fit and would like another go. But all the specialists say 'No.' And quite apart from the doctors, my mother is so scared I might ride again that she will not allow me even to mention speedway in the house, so I think you can now score my name off the list."

## LEFT HOOK WANTED

Peter Keenan, British Bantamweight Champion, is searching the country for an up-and-coming bantamweight, or featherweight—with a good left hook.

The reason is that Maurice Sanderson, Keenan's opponent at Fitchell on April 22, is a left-hook specialist.

Peter is not satisfied with his defence against the punch and

is to devote much of his training to improving it. Keenan has met the Frenchman before. Eighteen months ago they fought and drew over 10 rounds at Paisley.

Johnny Best, American soccer referee who will officiate at the Yugoslav-Wales International at Belgrade on May 21, arrives in Freetown on April 24. Whilst in Britain he will watch the England and Scottish Cup Finals.

F. Minihall, Yugoslavia's International Cross-Country Champion will run in a special three-mile race at the Glasgow Highland Games in May. His appearance attracted the visit of a host of international stars to Scotland this season.

Five American Indoor Champions are sought starters at the Glasgow Police meeting on June 13.

They are pole-vaulter parson Bob Richards; Olympic 400 Metres Champion "Mud" Whitfield; half-miler Don Gehrmann; miler Fred Dwyer; and sprinter Johnny Haines.

—(London Express Service)

## Hockey Fixtures For The Next Fortnight

The following are League Hockey fixtures for this weekend:

SATURDAY Ladies League KGV "A" v. "B" 7.30 p.m. "C" v. "D" 8.0 p.m. "E" v. "F" 8.30 p.m. "G" v. "H" 9.0 p.m. "I" v. "J" 9.30 p.m. "K" v. "L" 10.0 p.m. "M" v. "N" 10.30 p.m. "O" v. "P" 11.0 p.m. "Q" v. "R" 11.30 p.m. "S" v. "T" 12.0 p.m. "U" v. "V" 12.30 p.m. "W" v. "X" 1.0 p.m. "Y" v. "Z" 1.30 p.m. "AA" v. "AB" 2.0 p.m. "AC" v. "AD" 2.30 p.m. "AE" v. "AF" 3.0 p.m. "AG" v. "AH" 3.30 p.m. "AI" v. "AJ" 4.0 p.m. "AK" v. "AL" 4.30 p.m. "AM" v. "AN" 5.0 p.m. "AO" v. "AP" 5.30 p.m. "AQ" v. "AR" 6.0 p.m. "AS" v. "AT" 6.30 p.m. "AU" v. "AV" 7.0 p.m. "AW" v. "AX" 7.30 p.m. "AY" v. "AZ" 8.0 p.m. "BA" v. "BB" 8.30 p.m. "BC" v. "BD" 9.0 p.m. "BE" v. "BF" 9.30 p.m. "BG" v. "BH" 10.0 p.m. "BI" v. "BJ" 10.30 p.m. "BK" v. "BL" 11.0 p.m. "BM" v. "BN" 11.30 p.m. "BO" v. "BP" 12.0 p.m. "BQ" v. "BR" 12.30 p.m. "BS" v. "BT" 1.0 p.m. "BU" v. "BV" 1.30 p.m. "BW" v. "BX" 2.0 p.m. "BY" v. "BZ" 2.30 p.m. "CA" v. "CB" 3.0 p.m. "CC" v. "CD" 3.30 p.m. "CE" v. "CF" 4.0 p.m. "CG" v. "CH" 4.30 p.m. "CI" v. 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# Rapid Expansion Of Japanese Merchant Navy Fleet Expected

## Ups & Downs In NY Cotton Market

New York, Apr. 9. Cotton prices today rocked back and forth within a narrow margin of the previous closing levels. Trading moved along at a slow pace with the bulk of the interest still centered in evening up operations in May delivery before first notice day on April 24.

At the close, prices ruled 3 points lower to 4 points higher. May contracts showed the widest swing moving within a 13-point range.

Leading spot interests bought around 2,000 bales of May against equivalent July sales. Market experts thought that the spot months might go to a discount of 35 to 40 points under July unless the demand for spot cotton picks up or the long-awaited export demand actually materializes.

Agriculture Secretary Benson's denial that a subsidy on raw cotton is being considered for the foreseeable future received a double edged interpretation but actually had a little market effect—the denial was disappointing in some directions but other quarters thought that the official statement removed an uncertainty and might encourage buying by foreign sources which have been counting on a subsidy possibility.—United Press.

## NY Stock Exchange

New York, Apr. 9. Stocks failed to sustain the rally of the past two sessions today, but their decline was without pressure as trading fell to the lightest level since mid-February.

The volume was 1,520,000 shares compared with 1,860,000 shares yesterday. The drop was in line with the analysts' expectations of a further probing of the recent lows before any sustained advance.

All leading groups gave ground with oils, chemicals, and rails the hardest hit. Industrial stocks over all declined 71 cents, but were down 71 cents and utilities 9 cents.

Chemicals as a group, however, were among the widest losers. Losses in the oils ranged to 2 points. Steels eased with Bethlehem down 1.4 to 50 and 3, U.S. steel 1/2 to 39. The market was narrow—only 1,147 issues traded. Of these 588 declined, 84 to new lows, 284 advanced and 275 unchanged.

Dow Jones average at the end of the session stood as follows: 30 Industrials ..... 276.23  
20 rails ..... 104.43  
15 utilities ..... 52.00  
40 bonds ..... 96.95  
—United Press.

## LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Apr. 9. The tin market was steady at the lower levels. Turnover was 90 tons. Prices closed today at the end of the official morning session as follows: Spot tin, buyer ..... 825  
Three-month tin, buyer ..... 825  
Business done at ..... 825-826 1/2  
Settlement ..... 830  
—United Press.

## Bank Of England Statement

London, Apr. 9. The Bank of England statement for the week ending April 8, reads as follows: Notes in circulation ..... £1,317,222,333  
Public deposits ..... 35,474,592  
Private deposits ..... 35,474,592  
Government securities ..... 35,474,592  
Other securities ..... 35,474,592  
Receipts ..... 35,474,592  
Bank ratio ..... 35,474,592  
—United Press.

## Fall In Grain Prices

Chicago, Apr. 9. Chicago grain and leading commodities edged into a lower ground on slow commercial demand and scattered liquidation after a rather steady opening. Wheat closed 1.4 to 1/2 lower and soybeans were 1/2 to 1 1/4 lower.—United Press.

Tokyo, Apr. 9. Shipping interests here say that Japan, despite a recession in shipping, will continue post war expansion of her merchant navy fleet during the 1953 fiscal year.

According to the Japan Shipowners' Association, Japan's immediate plans are to build up her fleet to 4,000,000 gross tons by 1957, with Japanese ships carrying 50 per cent of imported goods.

In 1951, Japanese ships carried 32 per cent of imported goods; in 1952, 40 per cent. Japan owns 1,081 vessels totalling 2,783,817 gross tons at the end of 1952 compared with more than 6,000,000 tons in the peak year of 1940.

Association said that shipping owned by Japan increased by about 500,000 tons during 1952. This year, Japan hopes for a similar increase in tonnage.

Her rate of expansion far exceeds that of the British merchant navy. Applications have been made to the Transport Ministry for permits to construct 51 ships during the first half of the current fiscal year.

The Ministry says that Japanese ships running on eleven major sea lanes linking Japan with foreign nations, are outnumbered by foreign vessels by 10 to four.

This reverses the prewar situation when the Japanese merchant fleet exceeded the combined force of foreign ships on these routes.

A survey made by the Ministry showed that an average of 30 trips a month was made by Japanese ships on the routes at the end of January, or less than 40 per cent of the 78.3 trips made by foreign vessels.

In 1937, Japanese ships made 59.3 trips a month against 55.3 by foreign ships.

### POOR BUSINESS

The Ministry reports that Japanese ships are doing poor business on key international lines compared with foreign vessels because they are much slower.

Japanese ocean-going ships at the end of 1952 numbered 332, totalling 2,047,651 gross tons. Only 23 of the ships aggregating 178,581 tons were capable of running at more than 10 knots. More than half the total had a speed of less than 13 knots. The 23 superior ships were 22 freighters and an oil tanker.

Owners say that lack of high speed ships has particularly affected Japanese services on the New York, European and Australian routes.

Fearing that, if the situation continues, Japan may be forced out of international competition, they have filed applications with the Transport Ministry for construction of 14 high speed ships during the first half of the 1953 fiscal year. Only three were built for Japanese shippers during the whole of 1952 fiscal year.

Of the 14 ships for which applications have been filed, five

## New York Rubber Futures

New York, Apr. 9. Number 1 rubber futures closed today 5 to 20 points higher with sales of 29 contracts. Prices closed today as follows: Number 1 rubber standard. May ..... 23.40  
June ..... 23.30  
July ..... 23.20  
September ..... 23.10  
December ..... 23.00  
March ..... 22.90  
May ..... 22.80 nominal

Number 3 standard. May ..... 21.35 bid  
June ..... 21.25 nominal  
September ..... 21.15 nominal  
December ..... 21.05 nominal  
March ..... 20.95 nominal  
May ..... 20.85 nominal

—United Press.

## Singapore Rubber Futures

Singapore, Apr. 9. Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows: Number 1 rubber. May ..... 60 1/2  
June ..... 60 1/4  
July ..... 60  
September ..... 59 1/2  
December ..... 59  
March ..... 58 1/2  
May ..... 58 nominal

Number 3 standard. May ..... 55-61  
June ..... 55-61  
September ..... 54-60  
December ..... 54-60  
March ..... 54-60  
May ..... 54 nominal

Spot rubber, unbleached. May ..... 74-79  
June ..... 74-79  
September ..... 74-79  
December ..... 74-79  
March ..... 74-79  
May ..... 74 nominal

No. 1 pale crepe. May ..... 74-79  
June ..... 74-79  
September ..... 74-79  
December ..... 74-79  
March ..... 74-79  
May ..... 74 nominal

—United Press.

## New Orleans Cotton Futures

Spot ..... 22.65  
May ..... 22.65  
June ..... 22.65  
July ..... 22.65  
September ..... 22.65  
December ..... 22.65  
March ..... 22.65  
May ..... 22.65 nominal

—United Press.

## Gold Rises In Paris

Paris, Apr. 9. Gold prices rose in Paris today in contrast with the continuing downward trend in other world centres since the Russian peace moves began last month.

Chief reason for the opposite trend in Paris seemed to be the difficult financial position of the Government, shown in today's weekly balance sheet of the Bank of France.

The Napoleon Gold Coin was quoted at 3,720 francs against 3,670 francs a week ago. Black market dollars also rose to 402 francs against 398 yesterday and 390 a week ago.—Reuter.

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning was to the value of \$305,605. Noon quotations and transactions recorded were:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS

HSK Bank ..... 1396 1400 25 @ 1400

INSURANCES

Canlon ..... 250 300 @ 31.50

Underwriters ..... 5.40

HSK Fire ..... 104

SHIPPING

Asia Nav. ..... 1.35

DOCKERS, ETC.

K. Wharf ..... 72 400 @ 72 1/2

N. P. Wharf ..... 0.15 500 @ 18.80

Provident ..... 11.20 11.30 1000 @ 11.30

SHAL DOCK ..... 1.90 1500 @ 15.30

Wheelock ..... 7.55

L. Y. ETC.

HSK Hotel ..... 7.40 500 @ 7.40

SHAL Land (O) 54 1/2 50 100 @ 55

UTILITIES

Tram ..... 21.80 22 200 @ 21.80

Electric ..... 22.90 23.10 500 @ 23.10

Telephone ..... 17.70 18 500 @ 17.70

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Cement ..... 14.70 2000 @ 14.80

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